

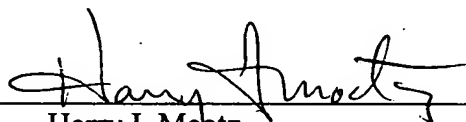
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I/We believe I/We am/are an original, first and joint inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled: **"Nicotine Salts Having Improved Taste, Process for Their Preparation and their Use"**, the specification of which is attached hereto.

I/We hereby state that I/We have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I/We hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, § 119(a)-(d) or § 365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate, or § 365 (a) of any PCT International Application which designated at least one country other than the United States of America, listed below and have also identified below, by checking the box, any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate, or any PCT International application having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed.

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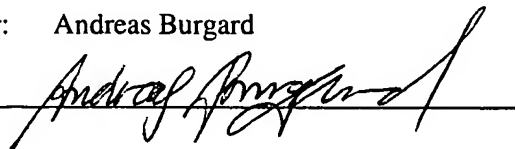
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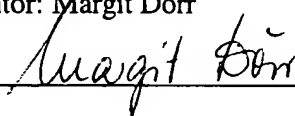
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